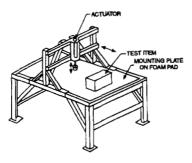
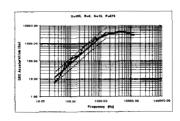
Mechanical Impulse Pyro Shock (MIPS) Simulation





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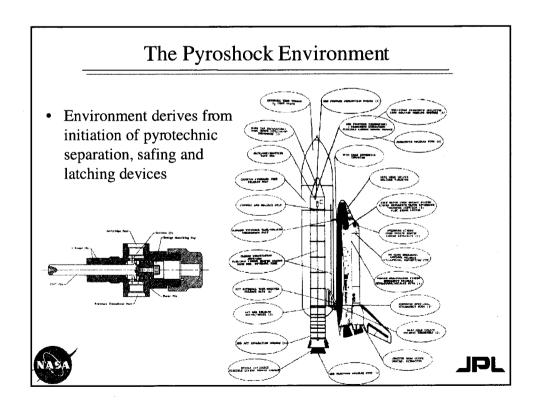
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Introduction & Background

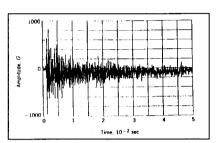
- Pyrotechnic shock testing is part of the environmental qualification process.
- At JPL, this testing has traditionally been simulated on an electrodynamic shaker.
- Shaker overtests the low frequency vibration regime and undertests the higher frequencies.
- To enhance test fidelity, a resonant plate MIPS table was recently developed.
- This presentation discusses development of the table, its characterization and its usage in recent tests.





The Pyroshock Environment

- Energy release from a pyro device produces tension/compression strain waves up to 40 kHz
- Results in a complicated acceleration versus time trace
- Characterized by high, oscillatory initial accelerations which decay rapidly (< 50 ms)

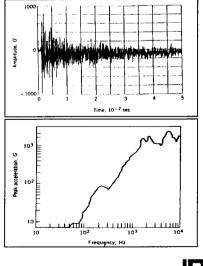




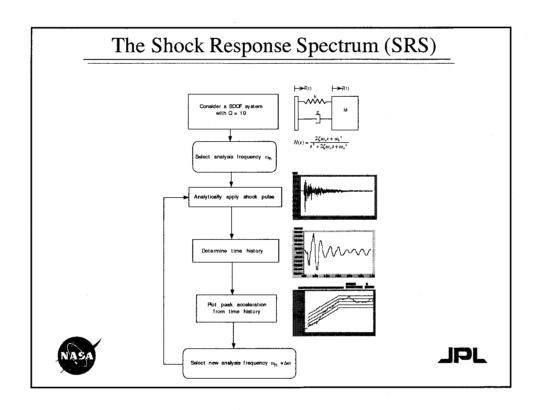
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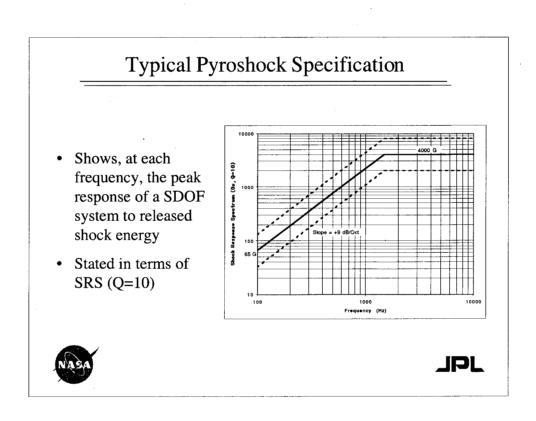
Frequency Response to Pyroshock

- Rather than attempt to describe the input pulse, the structural frequency response is described instead
- The standard method for defining this frequency response is the Shock Response Spectrum (SRS)









Test Techniques

- Pyrotechnic Device Tests
- Shaker Synthesis
- Resonant Plate Methods
 - MIPS Simulation



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Pyrotechnic Device Tests

- Actual explosive ordnance are used to reproduce the anticipated shock spectrum.
- Highly accurate if "real" structure is simulated.
- Costly
 - Requires special facilities
 - Expendable fixturing
- Hazardous



Shaker Synthesis

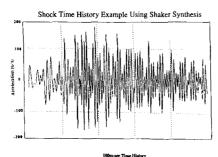
- Acceleration transient is synthesized on an electrodynamic shaker
- Commonly used & cheap
- Problems:
 - Mechanical shaker is an inherent low pass filter
 - Production of high frequency energy difficult
 - Result is overtest at low and undertest at high frequencies
 - Shock synthesis limits shaker life
 - Difficult to conduct on large components
 - Easy to "cheat" time domain input to obtain an "official looking" SRS

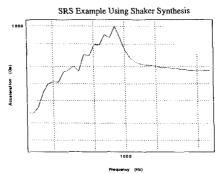




"Cheating" via Shaker Synthesis

- SRS specifications are not unique; they can be met with an infinite variety of time domain acceleration traces.
- Example below shows how a non-shock-like time history can generate a shock-like SRS.

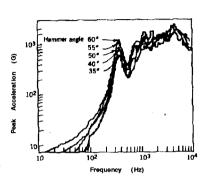






Resonant Plate Methods

- Test article mounted to metal plate, suspended on bungies
- Plate hit with pendulum
- High frequency ringing simulates pyro shock
- Problem: difficult to tailor the response spectrum

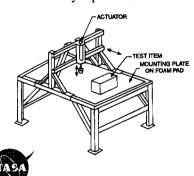


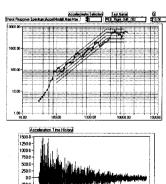




The Mechanical Impulse Pyro Shock (MIPS) Simulator

- Aluminum plate (resting on foam or plywood pad) is excited into resonance
- Shock is generated by a pneumatic actuator on a moveable bridge
- Interchangeable impactor heads (lead, aluminum, steel) alter pulse duration
- Produces high frequency energy
- Extremely repeatable

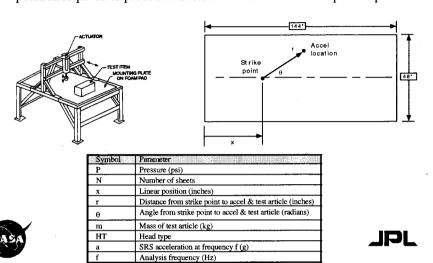






MIPS Table Characterization - Problem

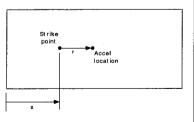
• Determine strike position, damping, cylinder pressure and accelerometer position required to produce a customer-defined Shock Response Spectrum.



MIPS Table Characterization - Approach

- Take initial data set excluding mass of test article, impact head material and accelerometer angular position
- Total of 81 permutations on P, N, x and r

Parameter	Values
Pressure (P)	250, 575 and 900 psi
Damping (N)	0, 15 and 30 sheets
Strike pos'n (x)	72, 105 and 132 inches from table edge
Accel pos'n (r)	9, 16.5 and 24 inches from strike point
Angle (θ)	0
Test Article mass (m)	0
Head Type (HT)	Steel





MIPS Table Characterization - Approach (cont'd)

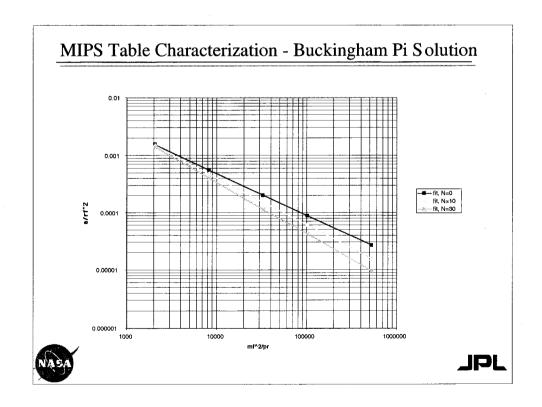


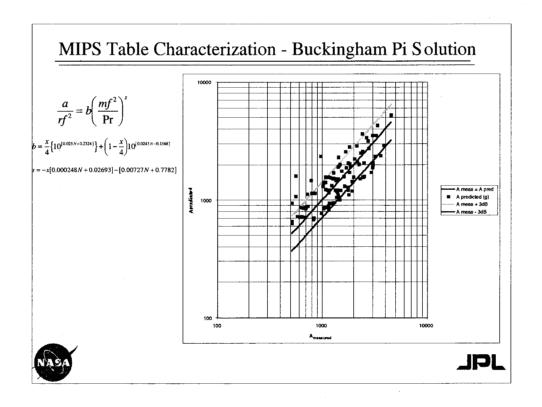
- Develop a math model using:
 - Buckingham Pi theorem
 - Response surface techniques
 - Levenberg-Marquardt nonlinear regression
 - TableCurve 3D data fit software

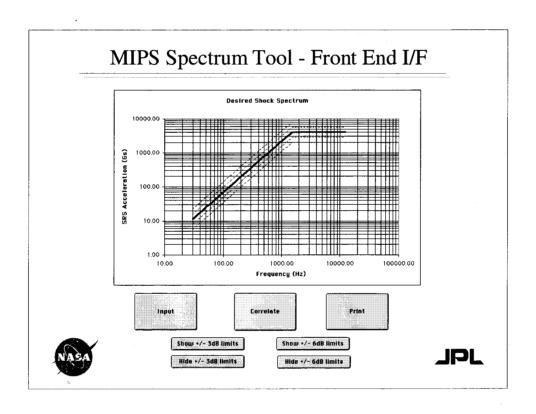


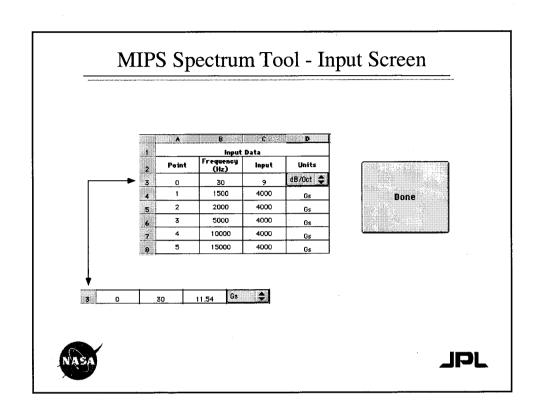
Develop a software tool to correlate a demand shock spectrum with stored MIPS spectra

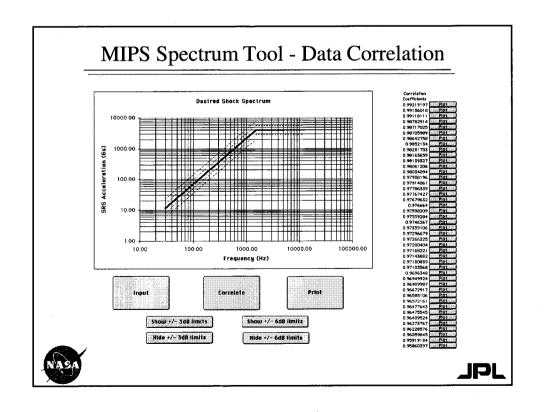


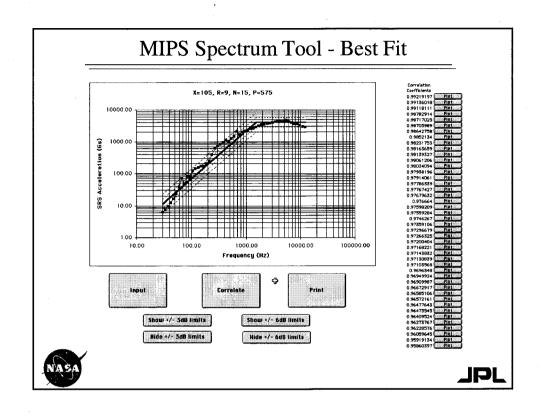


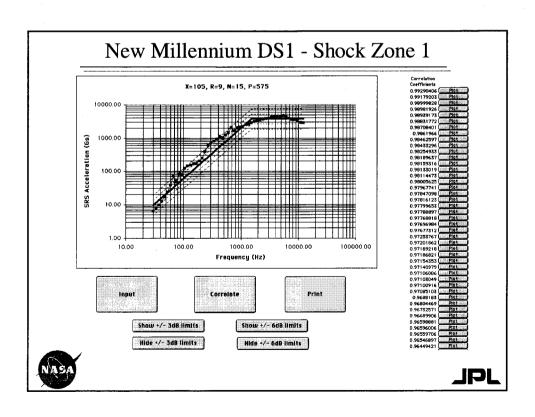


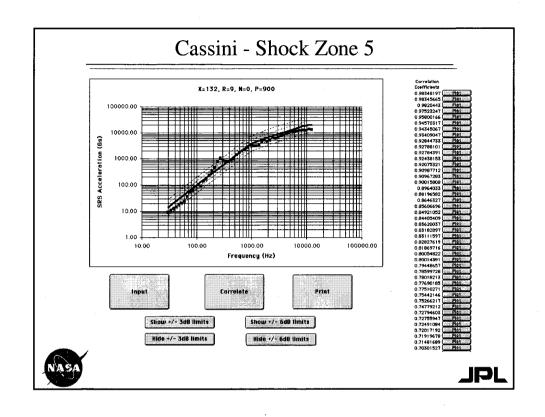


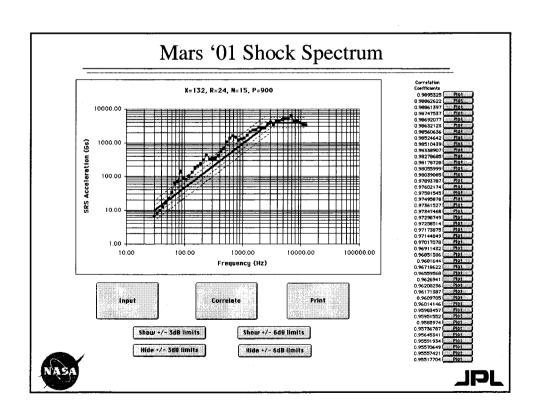


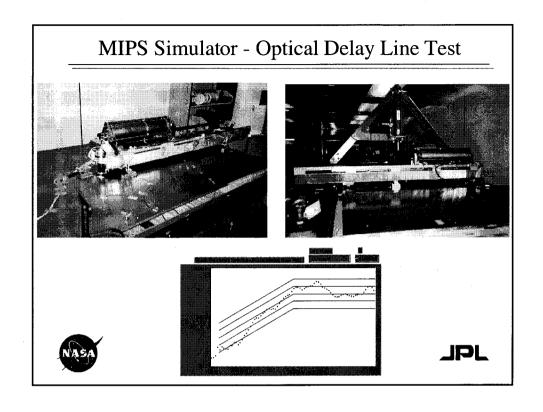


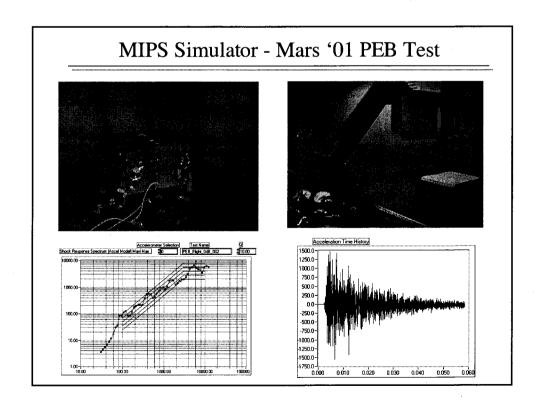












MIPS Table - Future Plans

- Deliver a MIPS "User Guidebook"
 - Explain MIPS theory
 - Give table operating procedures
 - Explain background and usage of spectrum tool
- Include effects of:
 - Test article mass
 - Changes in impact head material
- Include angular position in accelerometer standoff
- Produce an improved analytical model



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Summary & Conclusions

- MIPS simulation produces high fidelity pyroshock spectra
- Software characterization tool works well
- User guidebook is in the works
- Need to include test article mass, head material change and accelerometer angle in future work
- More work needed on analytical model
- Additional MIPS tests planned later this calendar year: Mars '01, X2000 hardware



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